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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Proposal to Dissolve the EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture (ASC)

1. The members of the Agricultural Subcommittee have unanimously agreed that the ASC should be dissolved and that such action be recommended to the EIC for their consideration.

2. The reasons for recommending such action to the EIC are as follows:

a. The ASC has been inactive for a number of years -- no meetings have been held for three years, and no EIC business requiring formal action has come before the ASC for nearly 5 years;

b. Informal coordination on matters of mutual concern between the respective agencies and departments represented on the ASC has been excellent over the years, a situation likely to continue with or without an ASC;

c. The original reasons for establishing the ASC have tended to wither away over the years as the need to formally coordinate Communist agriculture have been largely eliminated, and the increased availability of agricultural research on most of the Communist countries acquired over the past decade has closed the informational gap; and

d. The general decline or lack of economic research and collection of information on Communist agriculture by departments represented on the ASC other than USDA and CIA.

3. The Secretariat's concurrence on subject proposal is requested.

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EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

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